In the claims:

Claims 1-4 cancelled.

5. (Currently amended) A dust withdrawing arrangement, comprising a plurality of individual enclosures each limiting an inner space for receiving a respective one of work stations from which dust has to be removed; a common enclosure which is arranged around said individual enclosures; means for creating a negative pressure in an interior of said common enclosure; and passage means for withdrawing dust from said inner space of each of said individual enclosures exclusively into the interior of said common enclosure without communicating with the inner spaces of other individual enclosures, said individual enclosures including at least two neighboring individual enclosures, said passage means including a gap communicating the inner spaces of said two neighboring individual enclosures with the interior of said common enclosure and having portions through which the dust passes from one of said two neighboring individual enclosures and then a joint passage formed as a space between walls of said two neighboring individual enclosures, so that the dust from said inner spaces of said two neighboring individual enclosures is withdrawn through said portions communicating with said inner spaces of said two neighboring individual enclosures and then through said joint passage which

communicates with said portions and also communicates with the interior of said common enclosure.

6. (Currently amended) A dust withdrawing arrangement, comprising a plurality of individual enclosures each limiting an inner space for receiving a respective one of work stations from which dust has to be removed; a common enclosure which is arranged around said individual enclosures; means for creating a negative pressure in an interior of said common enclosure; and passage means for withdrawing dust from said inner space of each of said individual enclosures exclusively into the interior of said common enclosure without communicating with the inner spaces of other individual enclosures, said common enclosure being arranged so that a space remains at least at one side of said common enclosure between a wall of said common enclosure and a wall of at least one of said individual enclosures, said passage means including a gap communicating with said inner space of said at least one individual enclosure and also with said space which remains at least at one side of said common enclosure between said common enclosure and said at least one individual enclosure, which space in turn communicates with the interior of said common enclosure.

7. (Currently amended) A dust withdrawing arrangement, comprising a plurality of individual enclosures each limiting an inner space for receiving a respective one of work stations from which dust has to be

removed; a common enclosure which is arranged around said individual enclosures; means for creating a negative pressure in an interior of said common enclosure; and passage means for withdrawing dust from said inner space of each of said individual enclosures exclusively into the interior of said common enclosure without communicating with the inner spaces of other individual enclosures, wherein said joint passage is formed between and by walls of said two neighboring individual enclosures, said common enclosure being arranged so that a space remains at least at one side of said common enclosure between a wall of said common enclosure and a wall of at least one of said individual enclosures, said passage means including a gap communicating with said inner space of said at least one individual enclosure and also with said space which remains at least at one side of said common enclosure between said common enclosure and said at least one individual enclosure, which space in turn communicates with the interior of said common enclosure, said individual enclosures including at least two neighboring individual enclosures, said passage means including a gap communicating the inner spaces of said two neighboring individual enclosures with the interior of said common enclosure and having portions through which the dust passes from one of said two neighboring individual enclosures and then a joint passage formed as a space between walls of said two neighboring individual enclosures, so that the dust from said inner spaces of said two neighboring individual enclosures is withdrawn through said portions communicating with said inner spaces of said two neighboring

individual enclosures and then through said joint passage which communicates with said portions and also communicates with the interior of said common enclosure.

8. (Previously presented) A dust withdrawing arrangement as defined in claim 5, wherein said joint passage is formed between and by walls of said two neighboring individual enclosures.

9. (Previously presented) A dust withdrawing arrangement as defined in claim 6, wherein said space is formed between and by walls of said at least one individual enclosure and said common enclosure.

10. (Previously presented) A dust withdrawing arrangement as defined in claim 7, wherein said joint passage is formed between and by walls of said two neighboring individual enclosures, wherein said space is formed between and by walls of said at least one individual enclosure and said common enclosure.

11. (New) A dust withdrawing arrangement, comprising a plurality of individual enclosures each limiting an inner space for receiving a respective one of work stations, from which dust has to be removed; a common enclosure which is arranged around said individual enclosures; means for creating an active pressure in an interior of said; and passage

means for withdrawing dust from said inner space of each of said individual enclosures into the interior of said common enclosure without communicating with the inner spaces of other individual enclosures.

each of said individual enclosures having an upper wall and a side wall formed so that a corresponding one of the work stations is completely confined inside in an inner space formed by said walls of a corresponding one of said individual enclosures.